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CLERK OF THE BOARD: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BEFORE THE MEETING:

Please continue Item 19 (18-1834) from the agenda and reschedule to a future date.

This item would award \$250,000 to a consulting company to oversee a program of design standards for various communities within El Dorado County. Apparently the Planning staff does not have the design background or the time to carry out this function. The consulting firm would work with various communities over a period of years with the intent of developing design guidelines for each community over a period of years. I am requesting that you reconsider the strategy delineated in the contract wherein the consulting company would begin with the community of Shingle Springs and instead initially focus on Cameron Park for the following reasons:

1. INADEQUATE NOTICE: None of the Planning Department staff nor any member of the Board of Supervisors representing the community of Cameron Park notified members of this community, and specifically the Cameron Park Design Review Committee, of the proposal to hire a consulting firm for the purpose of working with each community to develop design standards for their community. I have stood before the Board on several occasions seeking public notification on issues that affect them. I even provided examples of ways that better notification could be carried out, but to no avail. No specific notice was given so the selection of which community would be served first was done on a less-than fair basis in my opinion.

2. OVER THE PAST DECADE The Cameron Park Design Review Committee, in accordance with the mandate of the General Plan and with the direction (and delay) of the Board of Supervisors, commenced efforts to develop standards for our community. Unlike Shingle Springs, the Cameron Park Design Review Committee is a Board established, recognized group of professionals in the field of design, with each member endorsed by the Board of Supervisors. This Committee has held public meetings regarding community design, and these meetings were attended by staff and members of the Board of Supervisors and many Cameron Park residents and business owners. Their Mission Statement regarding design has officially been endorsed by both the Cameron Park Community Services District and the Board of Supervisors. No community is more prepared than Cameron Park to commence working with a design consultant to finalize design criteria for our community. However, the Committee has faced delay after delay by the Board of Supervisors. The

Cameron Park Design Review Committee should not have to face further delay. To do otherwise, is quite unfair to those Cameron Park residents and business owners who have attended meetings and provided their opinions about design goals for Cameron Park. Their input is valuable and should not be disregarded or put on a shelf.

3. Cameron Park is larger than Shingle Springs and ripe for development. It makes sense to focus on a community where the design of future development will have the greatest impact.

Please note that there was no mention by your Planning staff to you that over a decade ago the Board contracted with a consulting firm to create design standards for our area and that a public meeting was held with members of the public at the then-Carlton Engineering building. However, that information must be sitting on a shelf somewhere. Before hiring yet another consultant, it would be wise to review the findings of that previous consultant, which was paid for by our tax dollars. To hire yet another consulting firm when there is already quite a bit of information on file and an established design review committee ready to proceed with design guidelines could be construed as a waste of tax dollars. Let Cameron Park commence with the effort and lead the way either with the assistance of a consulting firm or otherwise.

Regards,

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